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PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JEANNINE SMITH CLARK AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

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Mr. MATHIAS, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. J. Res. 103]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, having considered a joint resolution (S. J. Res. 103) to provide for the appointment of Jeannine Smith Clark as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, for the statutory term of 6 years, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the joint resolution be agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution 103 would provide that the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of Congress, which occurred with the death of Nancy Hanks of the District of Columbia on January 7, 1983, be filled by the appointment of Jeannine Smith Clark of the District of Columbia for the statutory term of 6 years, beginning with the date the resolution of appointment is approved by the President.

The Board of Regents is the governing body of the Smithsonian Institution. As such, the Board oversees worldwide operations of great importance to the advancement of science, to the promotion of human understanding among the nations of the world, to the preservation of irreplaceable artifacts and works of art, and to the education of all humankind by maintaining public facilities in which the treasures under their care are displayed for all to see. The Board oversees an annual operating budget of approximately $250 million and a staff of over 4,000 people. Over 40 percent of the Institution's operating budget is from nonappropriated funds and, therefore, not subject to congressional control through the appropriations process. The Board appoints the chief executive officer of the Smithsonian, the Secretary, and he or she serves at the pleasure of the Board.

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The Board of Regents consists of the Vice President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the United States, three Members of the House of Representatives who are appointed by the Speaker of the House, three Senators who are appointed by the President of the Senate, and nine other persons, who may not be Members of Congress, and who are elected by joint resolution of the Congress. Of these nine persons, two must be inhabitants of the District of Columbia, and no two of the remaining seven may be inhabitants of the same State. While the statute does not provide for the submission of nominees by the President or any other body, the Smithsonian Board of Regents customarily identifies candidates to fill vacancies and requests that the Regents who are Members of Congress introduce joint resolutions appointing such persons.

Service as a Regent is gratuitous, except for necessary traveling and other expenses in attending meetings of the Board.

HEARINGS

A hearing was held on July 14, 1983, Mr. Phillip S. Hughes, Under Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, appeared in support of Mrs. Clark. Supporting statements were received from Senators Barry Goldwater, Henry M. Jackson, and Jake Garn. No testimony or statements in opposition to the appointment of Mrs. Clark were received. The committee considers Jeannine Smith Clark, a fifth-generation resident of the District of Columbia, to be well qualified to serve as a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

The hearing on Mrs. Clark's appointment was the first hearing on an appointment to the Smithsonian Board of Regents in many years, and may even be the first hearing since the Institution was incorporated in 1846. The hearing was the outgrowth of the committee's meeting on May 20, 1982, to consider the appointment of Nancy Hanks. At that time, committee members expressed concern over what was apparently then the established practice of not holding hearings on appointments. The committee feels that hearings on appointments are a fundamental element in responsible and effective legislation. Formal hearings give the committee and appointees alike the opportunity to assure the public that appointments are taken seriously. The committee intends to hold hearings on all future appointments of Regents who are elected by joint resolution.

COST ESTIMATE

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee does not consider that enactment of the joint resolution would entail any cost to the Government.

REGULATORY IMPACT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee does not consider that enactment of the joint resolution would have any regulatory impact.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter in support of Senate Joint Resolution 103 addressed to Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, from Phillip S. Hughes, Acting Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, enclosing a biography of Jeannine Smith Clark, follows:

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
Washington, D.C., July 13, 1983.

Hon. CHARLES MCC. MATHIAS,
Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I would like to take this opportunity to comment on S.J. Res. 103 to provide for the appointment of Jeannine Smith Clark as citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Regents and the manner of appointment and terms of office of those other than Members of Congress are set forth in 20 U.S.C. 42 and 43. At its meeting on May 9, 1983, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to request congressional members of the Board to introduce legislation to provide for the appointment of Mrs. Clark for the statutory term of 6 years.

Mrs. Clark is a resident of the District of Columbia and has a rich and varied career in teaching and public service. She has been associated with the Smithsonian Institution for many years as a volunteer and as chairman of its Women's Committee.

A biography of Mrs. Clark is enclosed, and I shall, of course, be happy to furnish any additional information you may require.

Sincerely yours,

PHILLIP S. HUGHES,
Acting Secretary.

BIOGRAPHY OF JEANNINE SMITH CLARK

Jeannine Smith Clark, 1844 Randolph Street NW., Washington, D.C. b. Washington, D.C. October 5, 1928; d. John Archibald and Lorena (Jackson) Smith; m. Charles H. Clark, M.D. August 18, 1951; c. Charles H. Clark, Jr., M.D., Jeannine Clark Jeffries, M.D., John E. Clark, M.D.

Education: Dunbar High School, Washington, D.C.; B.A. cum laude, Howard University; graduate student, University of Wisconsin; M.A., Howard University.

Work Experience: Member, District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics; Instructor, University of the District of Columbia; Public member, Department of State selection boards for Foreign Service Officers; Consultant, District of Columbia City Council; Selection panel member, National Center for Volunteer Action; Consultant, Howard University, Institute of Urban Affairs and Research; Teacher, Sidwell Friends Upper School; Program Specialist, D.C. Citizens for Better Public Education; Project Director, Leadership Development Project of the Urban League of Washington; Precinct Captain, D.C. Board of Elections; Teacher, Dunbar High School, Washington, D.C.

Volunteer Service: Member, Phillips Collection Advisory Council; Member, Smithsonian Institution National Associates Board; Chairperson, D.C. United Way; Co-Chairperson, Museum of African Art Benefit; Chairperson, Howard University Hospital Advisory Board; Vice-Chairman, Recording for the Blind, Washington Studio; Member, Board of Directors, and Chairman, Membership Campaign, YWCA of the National Capital Area; Docent and Vice Chairman of the Docent Advisory Council, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History; National Vice President and Regional Chaiarman, Association of Volunteer Bureaus, Inc.; Chairman, Volunteer Services Committee of the Health and Welfare Council of the National Capital Area; Sunday school teacher, and representative to the Regional Conference Seminars on Ecumenism, Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church.

Affiliations and Memberships: National Honor Society; Delta Phi Alpha (German Honor Society); Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges; Medical Society of the District of Columbia Auxiliary; Association of African Studies; National Geographic Society; Smithsonian Resident Associates; Public Members of the Foreign Service; African-American Women's Association; Children's International Summer Village; Friends of the American Ballet Theatre; United States Association of Museum Volunteers; American Association of Museums.

Publication: "Some Publications in English on the Yoruba Language since 1831."

Citations: Outstanding Leadership and Dedicated Service, D.C. United Way; Achievement Award, Junior Citizens Corps. Inc.; Meritorious Service, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History; Certificate of Appreciation, Alpha Wives.

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